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E.O. 12065: GDS 06/12/86 (MONJO, JOHN C.) OR-M  
TAGS: PGDV XS  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CHOI ADDRESSES NATION: POLITICAL  
- DEVELOPMENT AND NEED FOR DISCIPLINE EMPHASIZED

REF: (A) SEOUL 7484 (B) SEOUL 7480  
1. (U) IN A NATIONALLY TELEVISED SPEECH JUNE 12, PRESIDENT CHOI WAS STRONG ON LAW AND ORDER AND ALSO AFFIRMED THAT THE GENERAL POLITICAL-DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS PROJECTED SINCE EARLIER THIS YEAR WOULD STILL BE FOLLOWED: A CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM IN OCTOBER, ELECTIONS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1981, AND POWER TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BY THE END OF NEXT JUNE.

2. (C) CHOI'S ONLY MENTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WAS A COMMENT THAT THE ASSEMBLY'S CONSTITUTIONAL DRAFT WOULD BE "CONSIDERED" IN MAKING THE NEW CONSTITUTION TO BE REFERRED TO THE VOTERS. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS IMPLIED REOPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY BEFORE OCTOBER.

3. (C) CHOI REPEATED FAMILIAR JUSTIFICATIONS OF PRESENT

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POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS AS UNAVOIDABLE RESPONSES TO COMMUNIST THREAT, ECONOMIC DISTRESS, AND DOMESTIC INSTABILITY IN THE FORM OF STUDENT RESTIVENESS. HE DID NOT SUGGEST WHEN OR UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES MARTIAL LAW MIGHT BE LIFTED.

4. (C) KWANGJU WAS BRIEFLY MENTIONED BUT THE TENOR WAS NOT PARTICULARLY CONCILIATORY. CHOI EXTENDED "REGRETS AND CONSOLATION" TO THOSE WHO "SUFFERED...DURING THOSE LAWLESS DAYS." HE TERMED THE "LAWLESS DAYS" A "SERIOUS THREAT TO

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NATIONAL SURVIVAL." ACTS COMMITTED BY TROOPS IN KWANGJU WERE NOT MENTIONED.

5. (C) CHOI MADE PUBLIC SEVERAL "POLICY MATTERS":

- (A) THE PRESENT STRICT STATE OF PUBLIC DISCIPLINE IS TO CONTINUE. "MASS RALLIES, RIOTS, OTHER DISTURBANCES," "ACTS CONDUCTIVE TO DISSENSION AND ALIENATION," "ACTS OR STATEMENTS SYMPATHETIC TO" THE NORTH KOREAN "REVOLUTIONARY STRATEGY," ETC., ALL MUST BE AVOIDED AND WILL BE PUNISHED.

- (B) AN ANTI-CORRUPTION DRIVE WILL BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE GOVERNMENT BUT ITS SCOPE WILL BE LIMITED. IT WILL BE PARALLELED BY "A PURIFICATION CAMPAIGN TO ERADICATE VARIOUS SOCIAL ILLS AND DEGENERATIVE TRENDS."

- (C) THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAVE THE PATH TO DEMOCRATIZATION BY SEEKING TO CREATE A "PROPER ENVIRONMENT" IN SEVERAL MAJOR SPHERES:

- (1) POLITICS: THE AUTHORITIES WILL WORK TOWARDS A "SOUND POLITICAL CLIMATE" FREE OF THE "CHRONIC TAINTS" OF "SLANDER, DECEPTION,

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- "DISTORTION, AGITATION, POLITICAL INTRIGUES, AND STRUGGLES."

- (2) ACADEMIA: THE GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK TO FOSTER ACADEMIC PURSUITS WHILE "ERADICATING IRRATIONALITY." "MASS RALLIES AND VIOLENCE" BY STUDENTS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

- (3) LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS: GOVERNMENT AND EMPLOYERS SHOULD ACCEPT "LEGITIMATE AND REASONABLE DEMANDS" ON THE PART OF WORKERS; LABOR DISPUTES HOWEVER SHOULD BE SETTLED BY "DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION."

6. (C) CHOI CLOSED WITH AN EXPRESSION OF "DEEP APPRECIATION" TO "OUR CLOSE ALLY, THE U.S." FOR ITS "FULL AND SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING...AND ITS POSITIVE COOPERATION IN BOTH THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC FIELDS" SINCE LAST OCTOBER 26.

8. (U) FULL TEXT BEING FILED BY FBIS. GLEYSTEN

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